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MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDES AS PRINCIPAL
COMPONENTS, AND WATER-PURIFYING METHOD USING THE SAME

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 14, 2006, Applicant hereby brings the following additional information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited in the counterpart Japanese application in an Office Action issued May 26, 2009. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached.

1. Japanese Patent Laid Open 2000-153290, accompanied by an English abstract
2. Japanese Patent Laid Open 2003-340482, accompanied by an English abstract
3. Japanese Patent Laid Open 10-165177, accompanied by an English abstract
4. Japanese Utility Model Laid Open 58-166900, accompanied by a partial
English translation
5. Japanese Patent Laid Open 07-258467, accompanied by an English abstract
6. Japanese Patent Laid Open 10-008364, accompanied by an English abstract

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7. Japanese Patent Laid Open 09-294499, accompanied by an English abstract
8. Japanese Patent Laid Open 10-330175, accompanied by an English abstract
9. Japanese Patent Laid Open 2000-072906, accompanied by an English abstract
10. Japanese Patent Laid Open 2000-319457, accompanied by an English abstract
11. Japanese Patent Laid Open 2004-526460, accompanied by an English abstract
and family members WO 02/094015 A2 and US 2004/0206696 A1
12. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 11-114593
13. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 2001-096130
14. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 2000-254687
15. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 2001-269699

Applicant notes that documents 12-15 have already been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, additional copies of these documents are not enclosed.

Copies of the above-noted documents 1-11 are enclosed, except for the U.S. patent application publication for which a copy is not needed, together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449 listing documents 1-11. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that the information contained in this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement

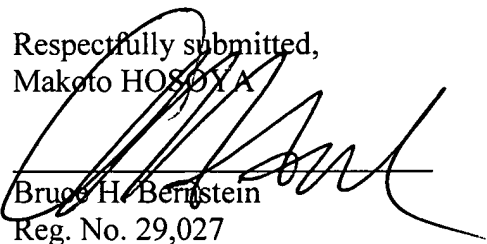
does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicants or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Applicants submit payment in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement after close of prosecution. Moreover, authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fee for consideration and/or entry of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Additionally, to complete the record, Applicants note that partial English translations of documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement are present in Applicant's file and copies of these partial translations are submitted herewith. In particular, partial English translations of JP A-2000-153293 and JP A-H11-114593 are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to place these partial English translations into the file.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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